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1. [ ] Forest Reece, Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee staff, called to say the Committee had scheduled hearings for this afternoon and Senator Bellmon would not be available for the briefing we had planned for 2 p.m. He suggested we give him three alternative dates next week for him to raise with Senator Bellmon's appointment secretary. [ ] OER, will check and give me those dates.

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2. [ ] Met with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and provided him with a classified commentary prepared by OSR on the [ ] article on the ships at Nikolayev and a classified statement on our knowledge to date on the second ship under construction there. Braswell said Don Lynch, of the Committee staff, needs to be fully briefed on these aircraft carriers and I told him I would have someone come up and fill him in.

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Talked with Braswell about the problem we are having with the ceiling on the number of personnel who can be retired under CIARDS by 30 June 1974 and gave him some background papers on this. Braswell suggested that instead of the two alternatives we suggested that the CIARDS Act be amended to increase the ceiling to 1,200 or whatever figure was appropriate. He feels that striking the ceiling altogether would be more difficult to handle on the floor. He also suggested that any action on this be withheld until the current press speculation about wholesale firings in the Agency die down. On the subject of retirement legislation generally, Braswell stated that there was just no chance of getting any increase in retirement benefits through the Senate this year in view of strong sentiments against retirement programs at this time.

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